



ARIZONA LIVESTOCK

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ARIZONA CATTLE ON FEED UP 2 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

On April 1, 2002, Arizona had 314,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 1 percent from last month, and up 2 percent from a year ago. Placements totaled 32,000 head, 10 percent above the previous March. During March, 27,000 head were marketed, up 23 percent from March 2001.

On April 1, 2002, California had 485,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 2 percent from last month and up 11 percent from April 1, 2001. Placements totaled 68,000 head, 5 percent above March 2001. During March, 55,000 head were marketed, 2 percent below last March.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.58 million head on April 1, 2002. The inventory was almost one-half percent above April 1, 2001 and 3 percent above April 1, 2000. The inventory included 7.23 million steers and steer calves, up 4 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 62 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.30 million head, down 4 percent from 2001. Placements in feedlots during March totaled 1.95 million, 6 percent above 2001 but 4 percent below 2000. Net placements were 1.88 million. During March, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 314,000, 600-699 pounds were 372,000, 700-799 pounds were 702,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 565,000. Marketings of fed cattle during March totaled 1.83 million, 5 percent below 2001 and 11 percent below 2000. Other disappearance totaled 69,000 during March, 30 percent below 2001 and 33 percent below 2000.

Cattle on feed April 1, 2002, in the historic 7 States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 9.93 million, up 1 percent from the previous year and 4 percent above April 1, 2000. The inventory included 6.18 million steers and steer calves, up 5 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 62 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.72 million head, down 5 percent from 2001. Placements in feedlots during March totaled 1.65 million, 8 percent above 2001 but 5 percent below 2000. Marketings during March totaled 1.57 million, 2 percent below 2001 and 11 percent below 2000. Other disappearance during March was 60,000 head, 25 percent below 2001 and 19 percent below 2000.

CATTLE ON FEED: NUMBER ON FEED, NUMBER PLACED ON FEED, NUMBER MARKETED, AND OTHER DISAPPEARANCE, 1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS, BY MONTH, STATE, AND UNITED STATES 2001-2002

STATE 1/	Number on Feed 2/					Placements During March			Marketings During March			Other Disappearance During March 3/		
	Apr 1, 2001	Mar 1, 2002	Apr 1, 2002			2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001
			Number	as % of 2001	as % of Mar									
	1,000 Head		Percent			1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent
*AZ	309	310	314	102	101	29	32	110	22	27	123	5	1	20
*CA	435	475	485	111	102	65	68	105	56	55	98	14	3	21
*CO	1,190	1,150	1,120	94	97	220	200	91	210	215	102	10	15	150
ID	330	315	325	98	103	72	70	97	61	59	97	1	1	100
*IA	385	400	395	103	99	46	49	107	45	53	118	1	1	100
*KS	2,460	2,420	2,420	98	100	395	435	110	385	420	109	20	15	75
*NE	2,350	2,300	2,300	98	100	320	310	97	335	300	90	15	10	67
NM	97	109	113	116	104	10	19	190	20	14	70	4	1	25
OK	370	345	360	97	104	66	80	121	83	64	77	3	1	33
SD	215	210	220	102	105	43	44	102	32	33	103	3	1	33
*TX	2,730	2,850	2,900	106	102	455	560	123	550	495	90	15	15	100
WA	257	229	230	89	100	53	40	75	40	37	93	1	2	200
Other														
Sts	395	405	395	100	98	68	46	68	77	53	69	6	3	50
US	11,523	11,518	11,577	100	101	1,842	1,953	106	1,916	1,825	95	98	69	70

1/ States indicated with an asterisk are the historic seven states preparing monthly estimates of cattle on feed.

2/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

3/ Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pasture, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

MARCH MILK PRODUCTION UP 3.2 PERCENT

Milk production in the 20 major States during March totaled 12.8 billion pounds, up 3.2 percent from March 2001. February revised production, at 11.4 billion pounds, was up 2.3 percent from February 2001. The February revision represented a decrease of 0.5 percent or 56 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,650 pounds for March, 51 pounds above March 2001.

The number of cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.75 million head, 2,000 head more than March 2001, and 1,000 head more than February 2002.

MILK COWS AND PRODUCTION: BY STATE, MARCH 2001-2002

State	Milk Cows 1/		Milk Per Cow 2/		Milk Production 2/		
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001
	1,000 Head		Lbs		Million Lbs		Percent
AZ	140	140	1,855	2,055	260	288	10.8
CA	1,572	1,631	1,790	1,825	2,814	2,977	5.8
FL	154	152	1,580	1,540	243	234	-3.7
ID	358	382	1,770	1,780	634	680	7.3
IL	117	115	1,580	1,620	185	186	0.5
IN	151	152	1,455	1,470	220	223	1.4
IA	213	209	1,570	1,615	334	338	1.2
KY	127	123	1,180	1,245	150	153	2.0
MI	304	295	1,660	1,730	505	510	1.0
MN	515	490	1,545	1,565	796	767	-3.6
MO	148	138	1,200	1,335	178	184	3.4
NM	261	293	1,760	1,830	459	536	16.8
NY	670	678	1,490	1,550	998	1,051	5.3
OH	262	260	1,410	1,540	369	400	8.4
PA	600	581	1,580	1,630	948	947	-0.1
TX	335	310	1,460	1,600	489	496	1.4
VT	152	153	1,490	1,525	226	233	3.1
VA	118	120	1,425	1,440	168	173	3.0
WA	246	247	1,885	1,925	464	475	2.4
WI	1,300	1,276	1,495	1,510	1,944	1,927	-0.9
20-State Total	7,743	7,745	1,599	1,650	12,384	12,778	3.2

1/ Includes dry cows; excludes heifers not yet fresh.

2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION DOWN

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.68 billion pounds in March, down 2 percent from the 3.76 billion pounds produced in March 2001. March 2001 contained 22 weekdays and 5 Saturdays. March 2002 contained 21 weekdays and 5 Saturdays.

Beef production, at 2.06 billion pounds, was 2 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.74 million head, down 6 percent from March 2001. The average live weight was 1,241 pounds up 42 pounds from March a year ago.

Veal production totaled 15.0 million pounds, 9 percent below March a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 77,500 head, down 8 percent from March 2001. The average live weight was 323 pounds, unchanged from March a year ago.

Pork production totaled 1.58 billion pounds, down 3 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 7.98 million head, 4 percent below March 2001. The average live weight was 267 pounds up 3 pounds from March a year ago.

Lamb and mutton production, at 22.3 million pounds, was down 5 percent from March 2001. Sheep slaughter totaled 324,500 head, 1 percent below last year. The average live weight was 138 pounds, down 5 pounds from March a year ago.

January - March red meat production was 11.26 billion pounds, 1 percent above a year ago. Accumulated beef production was up 3 percent from last year, veal was down 7 percent, pork was down 1 percent, and lamb and mutton production was down 4 percent.

COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION: ARIZONA AND U.S. 1/

Class	March 2001	February 2002	March 2002	March 2002 as % of	
				March 2001	February 2002
1,000 Lbs			Percent		
ARIZONA 2/					
Total Red Meat	33,700	35,100	36,100	107	103
UNITED STATES					
Million Lbs			Percent		
Beef	2,096	1,987	2,059	98	104
Veal	16.5	14.3	15.0	91	105
Pork	1,626	1,482	1,581	97	107
Lamb and Mutton	23.4	17.6	22.3	95	126
Total Red Meat	3,762	3,501	3,677	98	105

1/ Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter.

2/ Breakdown by class not available, includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb, and mutton.

COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER: ARIZONA, MARCH 2002 AND U.S., JANUARY - MARCH 2002 1/

SPECIES	ARIZONA			UNITED STATES		
	March			January - March		
	Number Slaughtered	Total Live Weight	Average Live Weight 2/	Number Slaughtered	Total Dressed Weight 3/	Average Live Weight 2/
	1,000 Head	1,000 Lbs	Lbs	1,000 Head	Million Lbs	Lbs
ARIZONA						
Cattle	46.3	60,789	1,313	8,407.9	6,376	1,252
Calves 4/				237.9	46.2	324
Hogs	0.5	134	295	24,139.0	4,779	267
Sheep	0.1	17	121	835.8	57.6	138

1/ Includes slaughter under federal inspection and other commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter.

2/ Average liveweights based on unrounded data.

3/ Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter.

4/ Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations, but included in U.S. total.

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FARM PRICES RECEIVED INDEX DOWN 10 POINTS FROM LAST MONTH

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in April was 95, based on 1990-92=100, down 10 points (9.5 percent) from the revised March index. Declining lettuce prices along with decreases for hogs, eggs, and cattle, more than offset increased prices for onions, hay, apples, and potatoes. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell often affects the overall index. Higher marketings for cattle, strawberries, milk, and oranges more than offset decreased marketings of soybeans, corn, wheat, and cotton.

Compared with April last year, the All Farm Products Index was down 11 points (10.4 percent). Lower prices for broilers, milk, hogs, and cattle more than offset higher prices for potatoes, tomatoes, apples, and carrots. The food commodities index decreased by 13.0 percent over both last month and last year.

PRICES PAID INDEX UNCHANGED

The April Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) was 123 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index was unchanged from March but 1 point (0.8 percent) below April 2001. Lower prices in April for feeder cattle, feeder pigs, feed grains, and insecticides, were offset by higher prices for field crop seeds, hay and forages, gasoline, nitrogen fertilizers, and diesel fuel.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS: ARIZONA AND U.S., APRIL 2001 AND 2002 AND MARCH 2002

Commodity	Unit	ARIZONA			UNITED STATES		
		April 2001 Entire Month	March 2002 Entire Month	April 2002 Mid-Month	April 2001 Entire Month	March 2002 Entire Month	April 2002 Mid-Month
Upland Cotton 1/		2/	2/	2/	0.435	0.299	0.303
All Wheat 3/	\$ Cwt	---	---	---	2.86	2.87	2.80
Durum Wheat 3/	\$ Cwt	---	---	---	2.52	3.33	3.16
Winter Wheat 3/	\$ Cwt	---	---	---	2.77	2.81	2.73
All Hay Baled 4/	\$ Ton	100.00	100.00	103.00	94.80	91.40	99.90
Alfalfa Hay Baled 4/	\$ Ton	100.00	100.00	103.00	100.00	98.80	106.00
Other Hay Baled 4/	\$ Ton	90.00	95.00	96.00	74.20	73.00	78.70
Grapefruit 5/	\$ Box	15.10	12.50	12.60	13.80	13.60	13.60
Oranges 5/	\$ Box	12.90	20.20	11.10	19.90	19.50	18.30
Lemons 5/	\$ Box	3/	23.80	3/	26.10	26.00	27.20
Tangerines 5/	\$ Box	4.54	14.00	11.10	25.10	23.10	28.30
Cows 6/	\$ Cwt	48.70	37.40	36.10	43.30	41.60	40.50
Steers and Heifers	\$ Cwt	77.30	71.70	69.70	79.60	74.30	71.20
Beef Cattle 7/	\$ Cwt	77.00	71.40	69.40	75.60	70.70	67.80
Calves	\$ Cwt	107.00	101.00	100.00	111.00	104.00	102.00
All Milk 8/	\$ Cwt	14.10	12.10	12.00	14.40	12.70	12.50

1/ Includes both spot and contract sales.

2/ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

3/ Not available for Arizona.

4/ Mid-month.

5/ F.O.B. packed fresh Arizona box weights: Grapefruit 67 lbs., Oranges 75 lbs., Lemons 76 lbs., Tangerines 75 lbs.

6/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.

7/ "Cows" and "steers and heifers" combined.

8/ Preliminary: Before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.

U.S. PRICE INDEX SUMMARY TABLE

INDEX 1990-92 = 100	2001		2002	
	March	April	March	April
Prices Received	103	106	105	95
Prices Paid	124	124	123	123
Ratio 1/	83	85	85	77

1/ Ratio of index of prices received by farmers to index of prices paid.